**Centra] Health Package Scheme for handloom weavers in Gujarat**

1898. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Health Package Scheme for handloom weavers is under implementation in Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir; the Government of India has been implementing the Health Package Scheme for the handloom weavers in the country including the State of Gujarat. Under the scheme, assistance is provided towards cost of reimbursement of medicines upto Rs. 1500/- per weaver per annum for treatment of Tuberculosis, Asthma and inflammation of alimentary system; and cost of spectacles limited to Rs. 150/- and eye-testing limited to Rs. 40/- per weaver; maternity benefit in the form of lump-sum grant to women weavers or women belonging to weavers' households @ Rs. 500/- per woman per delivery, twice in her life-time; and monetary incentive at the rate of Rs. 100/- per head to each handloom weavers/his or her spouse, who undertakes permanent measures for family planning. Besides this, in order to provide potable drinking water, assistance of Rs. 35,000/-per bore well is provided for every 50 weavers households and up to Rs. 1.00 lakh for providing infrastructure for each of the primary health care centres in areas having a concentration of weaver population. An amount of Rs. 55.11 lakh was released to the State of Gujarat during the year 2000-01 under the Health Package Scheme.